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The Wolcott Police Department will be the first Police Department in the State of Connecticut to Join 'Neighbors' by Ring

Neighbors app provides users with real-time, local crime and safety information and aims to reduce crime in neighborhoods by connecting people, security cameras and law enforcement.

The Wolcott Police Department today announced that starting tomorrow February 22th 2019 at 11:00am it will be the first law enforcement agency in the state of Connecticut to join the Neighbors app by Ring (available via iOS/Android here: download.ring.com/wolcott) to provide the Wolcott community with real-time, local crime and safety information. The Neighbors network already has millions of users and has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries, and keeping neighborhoods safe.

Residents can download the free Neighbors app, join their neighborhood, and use the app to: monitor neighborhood activity; share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team.

According to Wolcott's Chief of Police Edward Stephens. "In keeping up with fast moving technology, this is another tool to help Law Enforcement work more efficiently in the performance of their duties, as well as keeping our residents safe. Not only will it be of great value for burglaries, and thefts, but can assist in accidents, suspicious persons, and a host of other incidents."

Jamie Siminoff, Chief Inventor and Founder of Ring, said: "Over the past few years we have learned that, when neighbors, the Ring team and law enforcement all work together, we can create safer communities. We're excited to have the Wolcott Police Dept. join Neighbors and applaud their leadership in utilizing this free and effective tool to engage residents with up-to-date local crime and safety information while maintaining neighbor privacy first and foremost."

How It Works

- Download the Neighbors app on iOS and Android here: <u>download.ring.com/wolcott</u> or by texting 'Wolcott' to 555888 from your smartphone.
- Opt-in to join your neighborhood.
- Customize the geographic area you want to receive notifications for (users must verify where they are located and cannot participate in other neighborhoods).
- Receive real-time alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team that inform of crime and safety alerts as they happen.
- View local crime and safety posts via a live feed or interactive map.
- Share text updates, photos and videos taken on any device, including Ring's home security devices.
- Work with your community to make neighborhoods safer.

About The Wolcott Police Department

The motto "To Protect, Educate, and Serve" states the essential purpose of the Wolcott Police Department. The Department serves the people of the Town Of Wolcott by performing the law enforcement function in a professional manner. The Department protects the rights of all persons within its jurisdiction; to be free from criminal attack, to be secure in their possessions, and to live

in peace. It is to these people that the Department is ultimately responsible.

The mission of the Wolcott Police Department is to deliver high quality police service, based upon the identified needs of diverse communities, in order to protect the safety, security, rights and freedoms of all individuals.

About Neighbors

Neighbors is a neighborhood watch app that provides real-time, local crime and safety information. Download the free Neighbors app (iOS/Android), join your neighborhood, and use the app to: monitor neighborhood activity; share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team. Download Neighbors (iOS/Android) today to join your digital neighborhood watch. For more information visit www.ring.com/neighbors.

About Ring

Ring's mission is to reduce crime in neighborhoods by creating a Ring of Security around homes and communities. Ring is an Amazon company. The Ring <u>product line</u>, along with <u>Neighbors</u> by Ring, enable Ring to offer affordable, whole-home and neighborhood security devices and services. In fact, one Los Angeles neighborhood saw a <u>55 percent</u> decrease in home break-ins after Ring Doorbells were installed on just ten percent of homes. For more information, visit <u>www.ring.com</u>. With Ring, you're always home.

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